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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: TEL AVIV 2308, 2387, STATE 295513

PLEASE PASS ITAMAR GOREVICH FROM KIRSHENBLATT-GIMBLETT

1. TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 31. AMONG THESE ARE ONE FOLKLORIST/PRESENTER AND UP TO THREE ADMINISTRATORS NAMED BY ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. PRESUMABLY URI SHARVIT WILL BE FORMER, GOREVICH OR CYYRELLE WILL BE AMONG LATTER, PLUS THE ONE OR TWO SECURITY OFFICERS AGREED TO IN STATE 295513. ALL OF THESE SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI FOLKDANCE PRESENTATION AS WELL.

2. OTHER PERFORMERS NUMBER 29. PROPOSED GROUPS, NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS THEREIN, AND PERSONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

YEMENITE GROUP; 9 (INCLUDING 1 CHILD); SAADIA GUR-ESH, MENAKHEM ARUSI, HIS SON, 2 HADAD BROTHERS FROM ANKA

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GROUP, 2 DANUKH SISTERS, THEIR 2 NIECES. KURDISH GROUP;

8 (7 OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF KIRYAT MALAKHI TROUPE);
MORDECAI EZRA (EPIC BARD), RIVKA DAVID (DANCER/SINGER),
LASA (INSTRUMENTALIST), 1 OTHER INSTRUMENTALIST, 4 OTHER

DANCERS. MOROCCAN GROUP; 2; YOSEF BIN-NUR, LEVI
CHAYON, ASHKENAZIM GROUP; 6; LEVI ISRAELI, HOKHEVEN
GOLDBERG, 3 KLEZMER, 1 ACCORDION. CONTEMPORARY ISRAELI
GROUP; 1; MOTI ABRAHAMOV. LADINO GROUP; 1; MARIA
ASHKENAZI.

3. GOREVICH IS REQUESTED TO (A) SEND TAPES OF KLEZMER
SINGING YIDDISH SONGS; (B) ADVISE ALL CONDITIONS FOR
ASHKENAZIM PERFORMANCE; AND (C) HAVE URI SHARVIT
COMPLETE "INTERVIEW REPORT FORMS" ON EACH ARTIST AND
FORWARD TO SMITHSONIAN ASAP. PUBLICITY, PUBLICATIONS
AND TOUR ARRANGEMENTS ALL DEPENDENT ON EARLIEST POSSIBLE
RECEIPT OF FORMS. KISSINGER

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